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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, JAA

SUBJECT: SURVIVORS OF S/V FLATBUSH MAN

REF: TOKYO 14123 (NOTAL)

1. FONOFF HAS REQUESTED USG TO CONSIDER ONWARD MOVEMENT OF SURVIVORS OF FLATBUSH MAN VIA SCHEDULED MAC C130 FLIGHT FROM MARCUS ISLAND THURSDAY OCTOBER 9 ASSUMING THEY ARE DELIVERED TO ISLAND PRIOR TO THAT TIME. WHILE SURVIVORS DID NOT ARRIVE OCTOBER 5-6 AS ANTICIPATED BY SOVIET WHALER, AND MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER WORD FROM SOVIETS, FONOFF PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THEY WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY. NEXT AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE SDF FLIGHT FROM MARCUS SCHEDULED MONDAY OCTOBER 13.

2. WE ARE ENDORSING FONOFF REQUEST IN INTERESTS OF WELFARE OF THE SURVIVORS (ONE IS AMERICAN CITIZEN) AND IN INTEREST OF COOPERATIVE AND RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOJ.

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NEITHER COMUSJAPAN NOR CINCPAC IS ABLE TO AUTHORIZE USE

OF FLIGHT. DOD REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT WM REQUESTS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF NON-DOD PERSONNEL ORIGINATE OUTSIDE DOD, SPONSORING DEPARTMENT REQUEST SECDEF APPROVAL FOR JCS EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL. REQUEST DEPARTMENT OBTAIN DOD APPROVAL USING FOLLOWING INFORMATION (BASED ON DOD PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS).

A. CERTIFICATION OF NATIONAL INTEREST:

- AMERICAN CITIZEN WELFARE IS INVOLVED
- DESIRABILITY OF BEING RESPONSIBLE TO GOJ REQUEST IN INTEREST OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP

B. NON-AVAILABILITY OF COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT: NO COMMERCIAL SERVICE TO MARCUS

C. FUNDING PROPOSAL: WAIVER OF FUNDING WOULD APPEAR APPROPRIATE AS WE CONSIDER THIS AN EXTENSION OF THE RESCUE OPERATION. ALTERNATIVELY SURVIVORS CAN BE ASKED TO REIMBURSE AIR FORCE UPON ARRIVAL IN JAPAN OF \$98 AF RATE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND CINCPAC RECOMMENDING ENDORSEMENT THIS REQUEST TO DOD VIA MILITARY CHANNELS.
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